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A Short

TESTIMONY

Concerning The

Death and Finishing

OF

JUDIETH FELL,

Daughter of *Thomas Fell*, who finished her course
and gave up to the Lord, the Twenty fourth year of
her Age, in the Year 1682.

SHe was trained and nurtur'd up in the way of Truth,
in the fear of the Lord from a Child, according to
that Ability that God had given her Parents; so
that she became a very sober Young Woman, and very in-
clinable to the Lord & his precious Truth, and did witness
the Light of Christ to be her Teacher; and she was never
inclinable to Folly, nor vain Company, nor ever addicted
to Pride nor lightness of Carriage or Jesture, but always
very sober, and ready to be a good Example, as if she had
been Antient; so that the Love of the everlasting God she
did abundantly enjoy, so that in her bed of Sicknes she was
wonderfully filled with the Streams of Gods Love and Life,
in so much that high Praises did spring from her to God,
that lives and abides forever, to the great Refreshment of
them that did behold her.

She having undergone a great deal of weakness, upon
the 5th day of the Week, she being encreased with sickness,

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began to keep her Bed, and so continued till the third day at night in the Week following, attended with many violent fits of Sicknes; in all which time she was sweetly born up in the *love of God*, insomuch that it did never appear that her sickness was too heavy for her, but still being attended with Gods Love that was in her heart, was full of content and comfort inwardly, and it did shew it self forth outwardly; for being asked how it was with her? still her answer was, *I am well every way*; and she did say, *If I should live never so long, it can never be better; for my heart is fully satisfied, and my Soul magnifies God, who is worthy forever.* And on the sixth day in the Morning, after she had gone through a great fit of sickness, she being asked by us (her Father and Mother) how it was with her? she did answer, *That all is well*; and did desire us, *not to desire her health nor ease*; for, she said, *she felt that which was beyond all her weakness and sickness*; so that her Soul was fully satisfied with Gods Presence, and filled with spiritual Refreshments.

And on the sixth day at night, several being by her, after she had gone through great weakness, the Power of the *living God* arose in her heart, in a living & sweet manner; so that being fill'd with joy, began to praise the Lord that lives forever, and said, *Surely its thou, O God, that lives and reigns forever, and must reign*: And after she had done with praising the Lord, several words came from her, exhorting Friends to faithfulness and to love, in great Power and Authority in the Lord's Spirit. And so continuing full of God's Love, that bore her over all her sickness, that patience and comfort still appear'd.

And on the seventh day at night, several being with her, she being raised again to praise the Lord in a heavenly manner, and in blessing his Name, she said, *The sting of death is removed, and victory over the grave* she felt and witnessed, and so continued praising the Lord in a living manner, insomuch

so much that it tendered the hearts of them that heard ; and she said, *Surely its thou, O God, that lives, reigns and must reign forever ; and they are ever blessed that serve thee, and fear thy Name.* So she continued still sweet in her Spirit, and many precious words came from her, which cannot be remembred. And sometimes she was opened to speak to some particulars, to exhort them ; and many Friends and Neighbours came in to see her, & still she was kept sweet & seasonable in her spirit, and often raised to magnifie him that lives and abides forever, with saying often, *Thou O God reigns in the hearts of the sanctified, and thou hast sanctified my heart, so that I can truly praise thy Name.* And so, many times when the Lords power had risen in her heart, she would say, *Surely, Lord, thou knowest for what end thou hast cast me on this Bed of sickness ; surely its for the glory of thy Name ; therefore Father, glorifie thy self in me.* And I being her Father, often exercised to wait with her, and she being in my Arms, her Mother asked how it was with her, she said, *All is well, I am in my Fathers Arms every way.*

And so, on the second day in the next Week she had some ease ; and so, she said, that she saw that that day she was given to us. And so continued very chaste in her mind, and heavenly in her spirit, and several times did sleep very sweetly ; and in coming forth of her sleep, she was very comfortable, and often Praises returned to God from her.

And on the latter end of that night her sickness encreased, so she said she had a desire to see Friends ; and several being come, she was livingly raised to magnifie the Lord, and to give glory to him that lives and abides forever ; and she was opened to speak words to the great Refreshment of Friends ; and always after thus exercised, she was very sweet in her spirit, and had great room in her heart to speak to any that came in. So that third day in the Morning, we (her Father and Mother) were made willing to give her up to the Lord, in much tenderness, for she was near

and dear to us in the Lord, and she was glad and imbraced us with much love. And so, before she departed, she had but one Sister, which was made willing to come to her, and give her up to the Lord, though it was very hard to part with her willingly ; for they greatly loved one the other ; and she imbraced her, and said, *she had done well*, and spoke very comfortably to her Sister, and said, *Sister, now I see thee, and I have met with thee* ; and so took her leave of her.

And so, on the third day she said, *Father, I have long waited for you all, but now its well*. And after she had some very violent fits, so that we thought she had finished, yet return'd again, with high Praises in her Mouth to God ; and many times in her exercise, and after her fits, she did break forth in Praises to the Lord, and in saying, *He is come that brings great Joy ; Oh ! the streams of his love run over all, even to the skirt of the Garment : Oh ! now is the fountain set open for Judah, and for Jerusalem to bathe in ! Once more solace thyself my Soul, and delight thyself in thy Saviour ; for I feel his love and life run afresh in my Soul ; so that now my Spirit doth magnifie him that lives forever : Tho the Ghost be not yet given up, yet my Spirit magnifies God*. And so she continued very sweet in her spirit, and that afternoon she slept very sweetly, and when she awaked, Praises still flowed forth unto the Lord ; and so then her sickness and fits encreased on her. And still, the spring of Life was felt to run afresh in her. And after, when we looked that she should not have spoke any more, she lifted up her head, and said, *This is the way to Rest, this is the way to rest forever*. And so within a little time after, she drew her last breath, and so ended comfortably.

This in obedience to the requirings of the Lord, we were made willing to write, and for Zion's sake we could not keep back that which the Lord had made us Witnesses of

Thomas	} Fell } her	} Father,	
Anne			} Mother,
Elizabeth			

THere remains a little Testimony in my heart concerning *Judieth Fell*, who is lately deceased, That according to the measure that the Lord had given her, she was faithful, and did hate Evil in its appearing; and when the time of her departure drew near, the Lord was pleased to smile upon her in a plentiful manner, that her heart was ravished with his goodness. And my heart, with many more, was overcome at several times, seeing the Lord was so gracious and so plentiful in his goodness towards her in the time of her weakness; for I can say, from a feeling-sense of his Power, that the Lord attended her with his goodness to her latter end, and she is gone into rest with him, wherein her Peace is sure, and Joy unspeakable and full of Glory.

John Caipe.

*A few words concerning the Life and Death of Judieth Fell,
Daughter of Thomas Fell.*

HEr Father being in Prison for not paying of Tythes, the most part of ten years, when she was young, I was with her as a Father, in which time I had a good knowledge of her behaviour; she was an *innocent Child*, not inclinable to *folly*, & of a *true & upright spirit*; I can never say, she spoke a *Lye* or sware an *Oath*; and as she grew in Years, there was true desires in her heart to enjoy Peace with God for her *soul*, when time here should be *no more*. And she was very desirous to meet often with Gods People that *worship God in Spirit*: And in the time of this her true hunger, I am sensible that the Lord did appear to the refreshing of her Soul from time to time. And though her body was infirm and often tender, the Lord was with her, and did minister in true content; and by his own Power, and in the riches of his own Love, did help her on her Journey, to the end of her day. For when her Body grew more weak, the Lord did appear the more in his love and power; and through his love he sweetned her passage, and by his power he

he enlarged her spirit, that heavenly Exhortations (in the time of her sickness) came from her, both to the Instruction and Refreshing of them that came to see her, and was with her; and in the sense of the sweetness of his love, many times magnified, and blessed, and praised the Name of the Lord; and the sense of Gods love continued (with this his Servant) to the end of her day. And in that love I do freely desire, that all may turn inward to the Light of Christ, that they are enlightned withal; which sheweth evil, that in loving it, thereby they may learn to do well.

Anthony Fell, her Uncle.

P O S T S C R I P T.

THIS we have further to say concerning our Daughter that is now removed from us, That she never own'd any sort of Worship but that which is in the Spirit and in the Truth; nor she never did congregate or assemble with any People to Worship, but with those People which are scornfully called *Quakers*; and this Worship which is spiritual, she came to learn, by taking heed to the Light of Christ in her own heart, that did shew forth it self in a glorious manner, so that by its shining in her, she came to see beyond all the Worships that are in the World, of what sort or form soever; so that in taking heed unto the Light that comes from Christ, and believing in it, she came to receive him that is Light, which is Christ Jesus the Substance of all Sacrifices, and the end of all Types, which did teach her truly to Worship God (which is a Spirit) in Spirit and in the Truth. So that in her Life she did receive true Peace in her Soul with the Lord; and in the ending of her days here, we, her Parents, with many others, were true Witnesses of the rising of Gods love in her soul; in an admirable manner; so that the sweetness of

of it did shew forth it self in her unto her end, everlasting glory be returned to God forever and for evermore.

This Testimony we give forth for the exaltation of Gods Name, and his Light, Life, Truth and Grace, a manifestation of which hath appeared to all men, that they might profit in it. So it is our desire, in this Testimony, that all that have their Minds turned to the Light, may be faithful to it all their days; & that them that are yet afar off, may be brought near to this spiritual Worship, which is known and set up in the Teachings of the Light; for God Almighty, he doth not hide counsel from men in this our day, but holds it forth in a plentiful manner; so that all that will come may come and receive him that is Light, and gives Life; but too too many hide his counsel from themselves, by hearkening to their own Reason, and in following the blind Guides and hireling Shepherds; and it was sin in all Ages that did hide Gods face. So this remains with us in this Testimony, That all may come to the true Light, which is the true Teacher, that in the true teachings of it all may be gathered from sin, where all that are so gathered, find Rest for their Immortal Souls.

*From Chappel-house near
Ireby.*

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